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SUBJ: SEPTEMBER 23 GROMYKO-RUMOR DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST

1. AT SEPTEMBER 23 MEETING OF NATO POLADS, ITALIAN REP (FERRETTI) REPORTED ON ITALIAN FONMIN RUMOR'S SEPTEMBER 22 MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO. GROMYKO REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER RECENT SINAI ACCORD, LABELING IT A BAD AGREEMENT WHICH DOES NOT RESOLVE THE BASIC ISSUES AND WHICH COULD LEAD TO UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES. SOVIET FONMIN NEVERTHELESS EXPRESSED HOPE TO HIS ITALIAN COUNTERPART THAT HIS PESSIMISM WAS MISPLACED.

2. ACCORDING TO FERRETTI, THE REST OF GROMYKO-RUMOR CONVERSATION CONSISTED OF REPETITION BY GROMYKO OF STANDARD SOVIET VIEWS ON OTHER UNSPECIFIED SUBJECTS.BRUCE

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